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MATCHES BECOME ROUGHER

Unruly Behaviour Not Tolerated

Just when we were congratulating ourselves on an excellent opening of the season — 162 matches played, only two games abandoned and two players sent off — the blow fell last Saturday.

SUNSHINE United and Hayduk did battle; the referee sent a Hayduk player off; one Club maintained short time had been played; and the police were called.

Corio and Croatia had three minutes left for play when the spectators invaded the field. Unfortunately, there was no official referee in charge.

Melita and Austria provided another clash, when the game was abandoned after 82 minutes' play. It was alleged the players were fighting. One Club said of the other, "They are a dirty team!" The police were also called to this match.

The Chairman of the Investigation and Disciplinary Committee, Mr. Lang, emphasised last week that he would not tolerate unruly behaviour in any League, particularly the Provisional League. No sooner said than done!

The Disciplinary Committee will meet at the Employers' Federation Building next Thursday. It should be an interesting meeting.

George Cross and J.U.S.T. proved once again that Olympic

Park is the venue for thrills, and provided a match to make spectators depart home with plenty to talk about.

We recommend George Cross as an entertaining Club. They even provide their own orchestra to spur them on.

★ ★ ★
We regret the First Division South Reserve League ladder cannot be published due to insufficient results being received.

Moreland, J.U.S.T., Prahran, Moorabbin City, Dandenong Rovers and Melbourne have received the pink slips marked "Fined the sum of. . ."

We hope that this will not be a regular occurrence from both teams.

★ ★ ★
Juniors under 20 interested in playing with Richmond are invited to attend training at Burnley Park every Wednesday afternoon at 5.30.

★ ★ ★
Melbourne Reserves have a good goals record after last week's game — goals for, 45; goals against, 3.

★ ★ ★
Dandenong Rovers were pleased with the refereeing in its game against South Melbourne. A draw was a good result.

World Cup—Season 1958

THE draw as made on Thursday, April 18, 1958, is as follows:—

FIRST ROUND.

Greece v. Italy.
Czechoslovakia v. Hungary.

SECOND ROUND.

Ireland v. Australia.
Greece or Italy v. U.Krainia.
Holland v. Scotland.
Austria v. Germany.
Poland v. England.
Jugoslavia v. Croatia.
Israel v. Czechoslovakia.
Latvia v. Malta.

Eighteen countries have been accepted into the competition. In season 1957, England won the trophy.

Two matches will be played each Sunday on dates allotted.

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Results of matches; summary of matches; and general information — with JOHN OLIPHANT.

April 26, 1958



In the recent Moreland-Juventus tussle at Olympic Park, Hobson misses the ball from a corner kick. Headed by Cubero (Juventus) on to cross bar.

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V.A.S.F.A. Bulletin

Fiorentina S.C.

CLUB Secretaries, please note that all future correspondence should be forwarded to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. D. Manduca, 302 Sydney Road, Brunswick.

Austria S.C.

Clubs, please note that the Austria Club will play its home matches at No. 6 ground, Yarra Park. Tram from City along Batman Avenue, near Swan Street Bridge.

Rootes United S.C.

Clubs, please note that the home ground of the Rootes United S.C. is at Princes Park (ground formerly used by George Cross S.C.). Rootes play in Royal Blue Shirts, White Shorts and Blue and Yellow Stockings.

Western District Amateur S.F.A.

Mr. R. F. Blake, Secretary of the Western District A.S.F.A. has advised that their competition will commence on May 11, and that seven Clubs will now participate, viz., TERANG, MORTLAKE, GLENTHOMPSON, HAMILTON, WARRNAMBOOL, PORTLAND, and PORT FAIRY.

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DETAILS OF BLACKPOOL F.C.

History — and Players

The following is a brief history of the Blackpool Football Club, shortly to play in Victoria, with some particulars of the players who will comprise the team.

THE Club was formed in 1896. It played 30 Second Division games in the inaugural season, of which 13 were won, 5 drawn and 12 were lost.

The Club lost Second Division status in season 1898-99, but only for one season. It was back in First Division football in 1900, but was relegated three seasons later. It was promoted to the First Division in 1936-37, as runners-up to Leicester City.

Cup finalists in 1948, 1951, and 1953, the Club won the trophy at its third attempt.

The Town Crest, with the motto, "Progress," is worn as the Club badge. It won the Lancashire Senior Cup in 1935-36, 1937-38, 1941-42 and 1953-54; and were Central League champions in 1919-20 and 1949-50. Also Second Division champions in 1929-30.

Blackpool provided four players — (Matthews, Mortensen, Taylor and Johnston) in the England v. Hungary match at Wembley in 1953-54. English, Irish and Scottish internationals are on the playing staff at the present time.

The biggest post-war score was an 8-4 win against Charlton Athletic.

The ground at Bloomfield Road has a capacity of approximately 37,000, and is the smallest in the First Division.

The Manager is Mr. Joe Smith — a Bolton Wanderers' player in the 1920's. Mr. Smith retires at the end of the season, and his successor is Mr. R. Stuart, an ex-Blackpool player. The Honorary Secretary is Mr. R. Seed.

Colours: Tangerine shirt with white collar and cuffs, white shorts, dark blue stockings, with tangerine tops.

The Club Coach is Mr. Eric Hayward, who has been with the Club for 20 years, and was one of the best un-capped centre-halves in the game.

The Trainer is Mr. A. A. Wilson, ex-Arsenal player.

The Assistant Secretary is Mr. F. Jones.

PLAYERS.

FARM, George N. (Goalkeeper). Born at Slateford, Scotland, he was Hibernian's fourth team goalkeeper when he joined Blackpool on September 8, 1948. Made his League debut at Bolton 10 days later. Played in the 1951 and 1953 Cup Finals and in six

home internationals as well as against foreign countries. Has made 400 Cup and League appearances for Blackpool.

CAINE, Brian (Goalkeeper). Son of a former centre-half with Burnley, this well-built goalkeeper has been reserve to George Farm since becoming a professional in February, 1957. He is agile and strong, and although his first team experience has been limited, he is expected to develop into a sound player.

ARMFIELD, Jimmy (Right Back). An ex-public schoolboy who signed for Blackpool as an amateur wing forward in 1952. Was converted into a full-back, became a part-time professional in 1954, made his League debut at Portsmouth at Christmas the same year, and signed as a full-time professional on his completion of National Service in September, 1956. Has played for the British Army and the Football League, and was in the England Under 23 party which toured the Continent in the 1957 close season.

WRIGHT, Jack (Left Back). Signed as a wing-half from a junior club in Tyldesley, Lancashire, his home town, in 1946. Became established as a full-back and toured the Continent with England "B" in 1950. A slip disc threatened to end his career, but after 18 months out of the game he made a magnificent come-back. Has also played wing-forward for the Club.

GARRETT, Tom (Left Back). Had hopes of becoming a centre-forward (played twice in that position for Blackpool), but made his name at full-back. Product of North-eastern football. Born at Whitelees and signed from Hordern in 1944. Made his first appearance in April, 1947. Played in the 1951 and 1953 finals and for England against Wales, Ireland and Italy. Toured South America with the F.A.

MARTIN, Barrie (Left Back). A local boy who is making good. This Blackpool-born player joined the Club in 1952 from a Youth Club and signed as a professional in December, 1953. After National Service in the Army in Germany he returned to play consistently in the second team, and last October he made his League debut in the first team.

KELLY, Jimmy (Right Half). Blackpool paid Watford £15,000 for him in October, 1954 — a Club record fee for a half-back. Born at Morpeth, Northumberland, he joined Watford as a 16½-year-old amateur. Toured

the West Indies with an F.A. party in 1955, and has played for the F.A. in representative games in England. Contemplated emigrating to Rhodesia to become a wine salesman, but later changed his mind.

HAUSER, Peter (Right Half). Blackpool beat Charlton Athletic to the punch when they signed Peter Hauser from a Johannesburg Club in 1956. He arrived in England as an inside-forward, but has since been converted to wing-half in the second team with encouraging success.

FENTON, Ewan (Right or Left Half). Dundee-born he joined Blackpool from a junior club in 1946. Made his League debut two years later. Played in the 1953 final and for the British Army. Captains the Blackpool team in the absence of Hugh Kelly. Is equally at home at either right- or left-half, and is an accurate marksman from the penalty spot.

GRATRIX, Roy (Centre Half). Recommended by an old Blackpool goalkeeper, this Salford-born defender signed for the Seasiders from a works team as a full-back, and became a professional in February, 1953. Had his first senior game at Middlesbrough on March 13, 1953. Succeeded Harry Johnston at centre-half at the start of the 1955-56 season, and did so well that he was soon in the England "B" side. Was chosen for the England party for the World Cup preliminary round games.

SNOWDON, Bryan (Centre Half). Little more than two years ago, this sturdily built defender contemplated giving up football. He had been signed in 1952 as an amateur inside-forward from a Bishop Auckland junior club. Later he became a professional, but he was not having much success as a forward. Then he was tried as centre-half with immediate success. He has had only a few first team games, but this is because of the consistency of Roy Gratrix.

KELLY, Hugh T. (Left Half). Signed from Jeannfield Swifts, the Scottish Junior Club, in 1943. Made his bow in League football on September 21, 1946. Was capped for Scotland against the U.S.A. in 1952, and played in the 1948 and 1951 finals, but missed the 1953 final because of an ankle injury. Blackpool appointed him captain in succession to Harry Johnston at the start of the 1955-56 season. Has played more than 350 Cup and League games.

SALT, Sammy (Left Half). Born at Walshall not far from Stanley Matthews' birthplace, Salt has made steady progress since joining Blackpool shortly before his seventeenth birthday in 1955. He has been playing regularly in the second team after graduating from the third and fourth sides.

MATTHEWS, Stanley (Outside Right). A household name in football throughout the world. Joined Stoke City as youth, played his first League game in 1931, and made his international debut three years later. Has since made more than 90 appearances in international and representative matches. Manager Joe Smith considers he pulled off one of his greatest deals in May, 1947, when he signed Matthews for £11,500. The wing wizard went on to play in the 1948, 1951 and 1953 Cup finals, was elected Footballer of the Year in 1948, and this year received his greatest honour, the C.B.E.

HARRIS, "Sandy" (Outside Right). This reliable deputy to Stanley Matthews was born in Hong Kong of Scottish parents. He was transferred to Blackpool from a Scottish Junior Club in 1951, and, after completing his National Service in the R.A.F., became under-study to the famous Matthews.

MUDIE, Jackie (Centre-forward or Inside-right). Last season was a memorable one for this Dundee-born forward. His life-long ambition to play for Scotland came true, including appearances in World Cup preliminary round matches, and he broke Blackpool's First Division scoring record with 32 goals. Joined the Club from Lochee Harp, the Scottish Junior Club, in 1947 as an inside-forward. But has now successfully succeeded Stanley Mortensen, one of football's outstanding leaders. Played in the 1951 and 1953 finals.

CHARNLEY, Ray (Centre-forward). For £750 — an infinitesimal sum in British Soccer — Blackpool signed this 6ft. tall player from a Lancashire junior team 12 months ago. Almost immediately he won a first team place. He is extremely good at heading the ball, having scored several goals this way.

PERRY, Bill (Outside Left). One of the growing band of South Africans who have made good in English football. Came to these shores from Johannesburg Rangers in 1949, and within 12 months had earned a first team place. Played in the 1951 final, and scored the winning goal against Bolton two years later. Two seasons ago his goal-getting abilities were rewarded. By reason of parental qualifications — his father was a Londoner — Perry was capped by England, one of the few instances of a South African-born footballer playing for another country.

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In the Moreland-Juventus match, Hobson (Moreland) appears to be balancing the ball on one hand and about to deliver a solid right. Trentini (Juventus) is in close attendance.

The Red Light?

A WELL-KNOWN Soccer player — in fact, so well known that he has played for Victoria — will not be seen this week in his familiar colours.

According to a most informative source, the player took off into the sky the other week, but was allegedly in the company of two officials of the Federation of New South Wales.

It is also alleged that he turned out last week and played for a Federation Club. As far as the Victorian Association is concerned, the player is automatically suspended.

We can only emphasise our headline, "The Red Light"? It could happen to your Club to-morrow, and the powers-that-be have no power to prevent a similar occurrence.

Also disturbing was the fact that the two Federation officials were seen in the official room reserved for Council members the other week. We know how they entered the room, but do not appreciate the method in which same was accomplished.

To the Editor

George Cross Supporter

SIR,—I was delighted to see Joe Aquilina playing at left-wing for George Cross Reserves against Hakoah last week. His nice passing and scoring was worth watching. I hope that this player will be taken notice of, because he is on the right track of becoming a top-class footballer. Good luck, son!—Yours, etc.,

"AMATEUR."

George Cross Congratulated

SIR,—Thanks go to George Cross for a grand game last week, also a great come-back. Players must have been upset over their previous game, but came out to play first-class football, with every man giving of his best. They fully deserved their win.

Keep it up, boys, and all the best to you all!

Could you tell me if the left-back, Jeyes, is the same as played for England on the wing in the Sunday Cup games?—Yours, etc.,

"J.U.S.T. FAN."

[Ed.: Yes; it's the same player.]

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J.U.S.T. Appeals for Testimonial Fund!

THE management of the J.U.S.T. S.C. would like herewith to initiate a move which has for its objective a further alleviation of the monetary strain imposed on players who were injured in a game, to the extent that they are deprived of their ability to play and work.

The recent case of the J.U.S.T. and State player, Peter Vidovic, stresses urgently the need for such a move, as many potential players would never become actual players because they could not afford to risk injury.

For that reason, what is required is to establish a testimonial fund which would at any time provide immediate and reasonable assistance to the injured players.

To-day, we appeal to all Soccer Clubs and enthusiasts to show their sportsmanship in the case of Peter Vidovic, and help raise the before-mentioned fund. If such a move proves to be successful, there is every reason to believe that a similar appeal and response would take place in future whenever a player strikes misfortune of this kind.

This, to our belief, would be the most heartening and refreshing news to all Soccer players in this State, as well as to the player in question, P. Vidovic.

Contributions to this appeal should be sent to the Secretary of J.U.S.T., Mr. D. Ivanovic, 1a Paul Crescent, North Williamstown, Vic.

★ ★ ★
Yarraville Bison's goalie, P. Spiteri, defended splendidly in their game last week, but could not do the impossible.

METROPOLITAN NORTH

First Division.

WITH four games played, the leaders are Footscray, Yallourn, Sunshine City and Coburg, with Hayduk next, two points behind.

Just how good are Footscray? Will they be able to keep this pace up?

Yallourn are making an all-out effort for promotion this year. We have seen them try before and fail.

Sunshine City, who play fast football, have a chance.

Coburg and Hayduk will have to improve, and I'm sure they can.

Big things were expected of Preston this year, but so far things have all gone wrong.

Maccabi, Sunshine Utd., I.C.I., and Brunswick all have the same trouble — lack of a few good forwards.

My tip is for Footscray to win this Division, with Sunshine City going very close.

Second Division.

IT looks like Lions for promotion, that's for sure; with Croatia and Fiorentina fighting out second place.

Corio look a big danger, but their forwards are missing too many chances.

Improve your defence, Williamstown. Then you might give the leaders a fright!

St. Albans and Heidelberg are not playing together yet.

C. Fert., University and Fairfield all look as if more training would do some good.

"HALF-BACK."

★ ★ ★
Sandringham City team was seriously handicapped by the absence of three key players — J. Haycroft, J. Hyndman and M. Emery — in the game against F.N.D.

Player Out for Season 1958

SEVERE SENTENCE BY DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE.

AT an Investigation and Disciplinary Committee meeting on Thursday, April 18, player Brenner, of J.U.S.T., was suspended for the remainder of season 1958.

Reported by Referee McCarthy for allegedly striking the book from the referee's hand, and refusing to leave the field, the defence was that the referee had not been interfered with, and that the player was leaving the field after being ordered off, but was recalled by the acting captain of the team, T. Vella, to apologise to the referee.

The referee's evidence was corroborated by Linesman Donaldson.

Player Vella was severely reprimanded, as the Committee accepted evidence that Vella had tried to dissuade the player from leaving the field.

Saczuri, of Moonee Ponds, was suspended for four weeks for kicking an Austrian player.

The Chairman, Mr. Lang, stated there must have been temper shown by both teams, and warned them that all Clubs in the Provisional League were on trial, and the Committee would not tolerate unruly behaviour.

J. Huygen, of Wilhelmina, was suspended until May 10 for signing registration forms for Wilhelmina and Box Hill in the same season.

F. Mart, who signed two forms for Hayduk and Croatia in the same season, did not appear, and was suspended indefinitely.

★ ★ ★
Two Club officials were reported for unseemly conduct towards referees. The officials were warned as to their future conduct.

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

STATE LEAGUE.

Hakoah v. Wilhelmina.
Slavia v. Juventus.
Brighton v. Box Hill.

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES.
Wilhelmina v. Hakoah.
Juventus v. Slavia.
Box Hill v. Brighton.
Hellenic v. Moreland.
Geelong v. J.U.S.T.
George Cross v. Polonia.

METROPOLITAN NORTH.

FIRST DIVISION.
I.C.I. v. Yallourn.
Hayduk v. Coburg.
Sunshine City v. Sunshine United.
Brunswick v. Maccabi.
Preston v. Footscray.

SECOND DIVISION.
St. Albans v. Williamstown.
Heidelberg v. Lions.
Florentina v. Fairfield.
Croatia v. C. Fert.
University v. Corio.

FIRST DIVISION RESERVES.
Footscray Capri v. Lions.
Maccabi v. Preston.
University v. Sunshine City.
Yallourn v. Heidelberg.
Coburg v. I.C.I.

Moreland v. Hellenic.
J.U.S.T. v. Geelong.
Polonia v. George Cross.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE.
Yarraville v. C'wood Eagles.
Moonee Ponds v. Martin & King.
Rootes v. Hollandia.
Austria v. Oakleigh.
R.A.A.F. v. Melita.

METROPOLITAN SOUTH.

FIRST DIVISION.
Dandenong v. South Yarra.
Prahman v. Park Rangers.
Vic. Colts v. South Melbourne.
Melbourne v. Richmond.
Yarra Park v. Frankston.

SECOND DIVISION.
Croydon v. Ferntree Gully.
Sandringham City v. Olympia.
Moorabbin City v. F.N.D.
Rosebud v. Sicilia.
Vic. Police v. Bayswater.

FIRST DIVISION RESERVES.
Frankston v. Melbourne.
Richmond v. Sandringham City.
South Melbourne v. Moorabbin.
South Yarra v. Prahman.
Park Rangers v. Dandenong.

NEXT WEEK'S FIXTURES

STATE LEAGUE.

Wilhelmina v. J.U.S.T.
Juventus v. Hakoah.
Box Hill v. Slavia.

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES.
J.U.S.T. v. Wilhelmina.
Hakoah v. Juventus.
Slavia v. Box Hill.
Brighton v. Moreland.
Polonia v. Geelong.
George Cross v. Hellenic.

METROPOLITAN NORTH.

FIRST DIVISION.
Coburg v. Sunshine City.
Yallourn v. Hayduk.
Maccabi v. Footscray.
Sunshine United v. Brunswick.
I.C.I. v. Preston.

SECOND DIVISION.
Lions v. Florentina.
Williamstown v. Heidelberg.
C. Fert. v. Corio.
Fairfield v. Croatia.
St. Albans v. University.

FIRST DIVISION RESERVES.
Preston v. University.
Lions v. Maccabi.
Heidelberg v. I.C.I.
Sunshine City v. Yallourn.
Footscray Capri v. Coburg.

Moreland v. Brighton.
Geelong v. Polonia.
Hellenic v. George Cross.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE.
Martin & King v. Rootes.
C'wood Eagles v. Moonee Ponds.
Oakleigh v. Melita.
Hollandia v. Austria.
Yarraville v. R.A.A.F.

METROPOLITAN SOUTH.

FIRST DIVISION.
Park Rangers v. Vic. Colts.
South Yarra v. Prahman.
Richmond v. Frankston.
South Melbourne v. Melbourne.
Dandenong v. Yarra Park.

SECOND DIVISION.
Olympia v. Moorabbin City.
Ferntree Gully v. Sandringham City.
Vic. Police v. Bayswater.
F.N.D. v. Rosebud.
Croydon v. Vic. Police.

FIRST DIVISION RESERVES.
Sandringham City v. South Melb.
Melbourne v. Richmond.
Prahman v. Dandenong.
Moorabbin v. South Yarra.
Frankston v. Park Rangers.

Saturday's Results

COMMONWEALTH d. REST OF
WORLD, 6-1.

STATE LEAGUE.

Wilhelmina drew with Slavia, 1-1.
Juventus d. Brighton, 4-0.
Box Hill d. Moreland, 3-2.
Hakoah d. Geelong, 3-1.
George Cross d. J.U.S.T., 4-3.
Polonia d. Hellenic, 3-1.

State League Reserves.

Wilhelmina d. Slavia, 3-3.
Juventus d. Brighton, 5-0.
Moreland d. Box Hill, 1-0.
Hakoah d. Geelong, 3-2.
J.U.S.T. d. George Cross, 3-2.
Polonia d. Hellenic, 3-1.

METROPOLITAN NORTH.

First Division.

Sunshine City d. Maccabi, 2-1.
Sunshine Utd. drew with Hayduk, 2-2.
Coburg drew with I.C.I., 1-1.
Footscray d. Brunswick, 3-1.
Yallourn d. Preston, 3-1.

Second Division.

Florentina d. C. Fert., 7-1.
Heidelberg d. Fairfield, 1-0.
Lions d. St. Albans, 5-0.
Corio d. Croatia, 2-0.
University d. Williamstown, 5-1.

First Division Reserves.

University d. Heidelberg, 2-1.
Sunshine City d. Maccabi, 5-0.
Footscray Capri d. Preston, 2-1.
Yallourn d. I.C.I., 5-0.
Lions d. Coburg, 7-0.

METROPOLITAN SOUTH.

First Division.

Richmond d. Vic. Colts, 3-1.
South Melbourne d. Prahman, 4-2.
Dandenong d. Park Rangers, 8-2.
Melbourne d. Frankston, 6-1.
Yarra Park d. South Yarra, 9-0.

Second Division.

Sicilia d. Moorabbin City, 2-0.
F.N.D. d. Sandringham City, 1-0.
Croydon d. Olympia, 1-0.
Bayswater drew with Rosebud, 5-5.
Vic. Police d. Ferntree Gully, 2-1.

First Division Reserves.

South Melbourne d. Prahman, 4-0.
Moorabbin v. Richmond.
Frankston d. Sandringham City, 11-0.
Dandenong v. South Yarra.
Melbourne d. Park Rangers, 5-1.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE.

Rootes d. Oakleigh, 1-0.
Hollandia drew with Moonee Ponds, 1-1.
Yarraville Blson d. Martin & King, 10-1.
Melita drew with Austria, 3-3.
R.A.A.F. d. C'wood Eagles, 2-1.

CLUB NEWS

ALL TIME RECORD? Left-half Dorn scored NINE goals for Richmond Reserves against South Yarra!

Reinbold, who has been one of Slavia's most consistent players this season, had his first look at his baby daughter before last Saturday's game. His team-mates gave him quite a welcome when he arrived from the hospital with only minutes to spare. He had his boots on as he stepped out of Club President Pavlas' brand new Holden Special.

Against South Melbourne, Prahran gave an indication that they had really found their feet at last. After leading 2-0 after 30 minutes' play, and having 75 per cent. of the play, they went down 4-2. Best players: Fair, Hoolahan, Sturgeon and the ex-junior goalkeeper, Leslie Newman.

After their defeat of Hellenic, Box Hill are confident of gaining two more points against Brighton. The Club is grateful to Player-Coach Andy McCulloch for his handling of the team. John Davies, regular centre-half, should be fit after an ankle injury.

The Team Manager of Box Hill Reserves, Mr. L. Hutchinson, is putting in a lot of work to improve the standard of the team.

Despite the score against them last week, Brighton have high hopes of improvement as season progresses.

Moreland have secured the services of Ken Cullen, wing-half, from Brighton, who secured his transfer this week. The Club held a picture night at the Regent Theatre last Thursday, and had a very good turn out.

Wilhelmina forwards missed many chances in their game last week, but

the defence was solid. Noy, injured early in the game, upset the team. Keuken is top scorer at present with five goals. Marks, at centre-half, played reasonably well, and with experience will be an asset to the Club.

On its display last week, Slavia must improve its forward line if it is to defeat Juventus.

Coburg United are confident of winning now that full-backs, Galea and Bassey, are back in the team. The Under 17 team is settling down, and are looking forward to a successful season.

Preston have lost a number of players through injury. Trentini and Tomkinson both having bad arm injuries. After Fest was sent off in the game against Yallourn, the game went against Preston.

The Manager of the Frankston Reserve team, Mr. Bert Slater, was very impressed with the sporting spirit and friendly attitude of the Sandringham City Reserves last Saturday. He also spoke favourably of the standard set by the referee.

Park Rangers proved too experienced and fit for South Yarra last week. However, the team is becoming more settled, and anticipate moving a little further up the ladder. Reserve team members — Danny Bradd, Duncan Jukopovis, and others — are pressing strong claim for first team selection.

With the transfer back of Mannering, South Melbourne United have solved the goalkeeping problem; and the return of right-half, Bill Annesley, has further improved the defence. However, further improvement in the forward line is necessary.

Teams for Today

STATE LEAGUE.

BOX HILL v. Brighton.
Scharfe; White, McLelland; Beggs, Patterson, Huygen, Davies; Russell, Kenny, Bruce, McCulloch, Smith, Res.; Bedford.

BRIGHTON v. Box Hill.
Scott; Stansfield, Honan; McCarthy, Waitzer, Thomas; B. Falahay, Garrett, Sylvester, Jackson, R. Falahay, Norheim, Burnett.

MORELAND v. Hellenic.
Hobson; McColl, Innard; Tannahill, Stott, McFall; Oxtan, Clark, Smith, Loughran, Wilson, Res.; McKee, Cullen.

WILHELMINA v. Hakoah.
Janssen; Sloothaak, Mathysen; Leenheers, Westerveld, Remmers; Peterson, Noy, Luyten, Schipperheyn, Res.; Morks, Teuben.

SLAVIA v. Juventus.
Barotajs; Vacirca, Terek, Zablocki; Reinbold, Petherick, Berry; Bell, Cook, Armstrong, Glennie, Pollock, Res.; Bailish.

METROPOLITAN NORTH.

COBURG UTD. v. Hayduk.
Agius; S. Galea, Bassey; Gilliland, Day, Clements; Tarrigule, Tormey, Sacco, A. Clements, Galea, Res.; Meacer, Vella.

PRESTON v. Footscray.
Peak; Black, Lamb; Nugent, Czeryny, Regzi; Azzopardy, Pirkhoffer, Sal, Bircuso, Kopschal, Tellas, Res.; Farrugia.

Second Division.

LIONS v. Heidelberg.
Cantelmi; Strohecker, De Bouititibus; Lukswsky, Werner, Piekán; Shreff, Di Clemento, Bialek, Ellam, Deifel, Vogt.

METROPOLITAN SOUTH.

First Division.

FRANKSTON v. Yarra Park.
Albers; Rossetto, Wren; Lymer, Wilkes, Betts, Heath; Sitko, Richardson, Chalmers, Groenendyk, De Jonge.

SOUTH YARRA v. Dandenong.
Parrott; Donnelly, Tan; Churchill, Walker, Westley, Nicholls; NG, Pemberton, Aarsman, Lott, Kauan, Res.; Jakopovis.

RICHMOND v. Melbourne.
Miller; Larsen, Wenzlaff; Torner, Bieg, Bormann; Stegner, Landherr, Klein, Adieshlute, Weiland, Res.; Stramm, Barnack, Dorn.

SOUTH MELBOURNE UTD. v. Colts.
Mannering; Heyes, Denny; Annesley, Thompson, Guy; G. James, Peter, D. Jordon, C. Macleod, R. Eagleton, Cottrell.

MELBOURNE v. Richmond.
Bihari; Szalai, Drinoezky; Kassai, Pangrazio, Varju; Vass, Urban, Weinber, Varnie, Vajda, Vasvari.

DANDENONG ROV. v. South Yarra.
Kelzer; Massey, Charlesworth; Steunenbergs, Karpala, Gebuys; G. Borg, P. Borg, Laurenteussen, Polmun, Spitene, Kendt.

Second Division.

SANDRINGHAM CITY v. Olympia.
Schenck; McQuaigue, Haycroft; Ward, Hyndman, Sutherland, Hall; Barratt, Milton, Sullivan, Doherty, Jennings, Hayball, Emery.

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STATE LEAGUE.

Team.	P	W	D	L	Goals	F	A	P
Hakoah	5	4	1	0	24	6	9	
Juventus	5	4	1	0	13	4	9	
Slavia	5	3	2	0	8	2	8	
George Cross	5	3	1	1	13	17	7	
Wilhelmina	5	2	2	1	9	5	6	
Polonia	5	2	1	2	15	7	5	
Box Hill	5	2	1	2	11	12	5	
Geelong	5	2	1	2	8	10	5	
Moreland	5	0	2	3	5	8	2	
J.U.S.T.	5	0	2	3	7	11	2	
Hellenic	5	1	0	4	10	18	2	
Brighton	5	0	0	5	2	25	0	

State League Reserves.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hakoah	5	4	1	0	22	7	9
Polonia	5	3	2	0	17	5	8
Wilhelmina	5	4	0	1	22	11	8
J.U.S.T.	5	3	1	1	21	11	7
Juventus	5	3	1	1	15	9	7
Moreland	5	3	0	2	6	5	6
Geelong	5	2	0	3	13	13	4
Hellenic	5	1	1	3	11	12	3
Brighton	5	1	1	3	10	19	3
George C.	5	1	1	3	12	30	3
Slavia	5	1	0	4	14	28	2
Box Hill	5	0	0	5	3	16	0

METROPOLITAN NORTH.

First Division.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
F'scray	4	4	0	0	13	3	8
Yallourn	4	4	0	0	17	7	8
Sunshine C.	4	3	0	1	7	4	6
Coburg	4	1	2	1	5	4	4
Hayduk	4	1	2	1	6	7	4
Preston	4	1	1	2	11	6	3
Maccabi	4	1	1	2	7	10	3
Sunshine U.	4	1	1	2	9	13	3
I.C.L.	4	0	1	3	3	9	1
Brunswick	4	0	0	4	4	19	0

Second Division.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Lions	4	4	0	0	26	1	8
Corio	4	3	1	0	10	3	7
Florentina	4	2	2	0	10	2	6
Croatia	4	2	1	1	8	5	5
Heidelberg	4	2	0	2	8	9	4
W'town	4	2	0	2	8	14	4
St. Albans	4	1	1	2	5	11	3
University	4	1	0	3	6	8	2
C. Pert.	4	0	1	3	4	17	1
Fairfield	4	0	0	4	3	18	0

First Division Reserves.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Lions	4	4	0	0	23	1	8
F'scray Cap.	4	4	0	0	25	3	8
Yallourn	4	3	1	0	13	2	7
Sunshine C.	4	2	0	2	14	6	4
Maccabi	4	2	0	2	4	8	4
Coburg	4	1	1	2	10	11	3
University	4	1	1	2	4	15	3
Preston	4	1	0	3	4	12	2
I.C.L.	4	0	1	3	3	23	1
Heidelberg	4	0	0	4	2	21	0

METROPOLITAN SOUTH.

First Division.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Yarra Park	4	4	0	0	17	1	8
Richmond	4	4	0	0	17	2	8
South Melb.	4	3	1	0	12	7	7
Melbourne	4	3	0	1	23	6	6
Dandenong	4	2	1	1	15	9	5
Vic. Colts	4	1	0	3	6	13	2
Park Rang.	4	1	0	3	10	19	2
Prahran	4	1	0	3	6	22	2
Frankston	4	0	0	4	7	17	0
South Yarra	4	0	0	4	5	22	0

Second Division.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Vic. Police	4	3	1	0	12	6	7
Bayswater	4	3	1	0	20	11	7
Ferntree G.	4	2	1	1	12	9	5
F.N.D.	4	2	1	1	7	8	5
Sicilia	4	2	0	1	12	5	4
Croydon	4	1	1	1	4	7	3
M'abbin C.	4	1	1	2	7	12	3
Sham City	4	1	0	3	7	14	2
Rosebud	4	0	1	3	13	16	1
Olympia	4	0	1	3	2	8	1

First Division Reserves.

"Soccer News" regrets table cannot be published. Prahran, Moorabbin, Dandenong and Melbourne did not notify scores, 19/4/58.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
M. Ponds	4	3	1	0	15	3	7
Yarraville	4	2	1	1	14	7	5
C'wood	4	2	1	1	13	7	5
Austria	4	2	1	1	16	12	5
R.A.A.F.	4	2	1	1	5	10	5
Melita	4	1	2	1	8	8	4
Rootes	4	1	2	1	5	6	4
Hollandia	4	1	1	2	7	10	3
Oakleigh	4	0	2	2	2	8	2
M. & K.	4	0	0	4	6	20	0

Any queries re League Tables should be made to the Secretary-Manager, V.A.S.F.A., who is responsible for the compilation of same.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE.

MARTIN & KING v. Moonee Ponds.
Spiteri, Grima, Bosmans; Vella, Camaleri, Quero; Hill, Blight, Hyll, Van Polen, J. Hill, Res.: Duiker, Bosmans.
YARRAVILLE BISON v. Yarraville-Collingwood.
Hrusa; De Bono, Sadlow; Dubovik, Mamie, Saric; Karalis, Tragonic, McLean, Korbut, Boras. Res.: Sznek, Bachitau, Jusufovic.
ROOTES UNITED v. Hollandia.
Chianter, Nafa, Spiteri; Baker, E. Busuuttil, J. Busuuttil; E. Furrugia, Vammit, Viggani, Deguara, Azzopardi. Res.: Serge, Buttigieg, C. Furrugia.

Olympic Park Fixtures

APRIL.

26: Polonia v. George Cross.

27: J.U.S.T. v. Geelong.

MAY.

3: Juventus v. Hakoah.

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